

REMARKS AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a method for delivering a siRNA or engineered RNA to a cell wherein the method comprises conjugating a Tat delivery peptide (SEQ ID NO: 12) to a siRNA or engineered RNA, classifiable in class 435, subclass 375.

Group II: Claims 1 and 4, drawn to a method for delivering an siRNA or engineered RNA to a cell wherein the method comprises conjugating the delivery peptide hox to a siRNA or engineered RNA, classifiable in class 435, subclass 375.

Group III: Claims 1 and 5, drawn to a method for delivering an siRNA or engineered RNA to a cell wherein the method comprises conjugating the delivery peptide MTS to an siRNA or engineered RNA, classifiable in class 435, subclass 375.

Group IV: Claims 1 and 6, drawn to a method for delivering an siRNA or engineered RNA to a cell wherein the method comprises conjugating the delivery peptide VP22 to an siRNA or engineered RNA, classifiable in class 435, subclass 375.

Group V: Claims 1 and 7, drawn to a method for delivering an siRNA or engineered RNA to a cell wherein the method comprises conjugating the delivery peptide MPG to an siRNA or engineered RNA, classifiable in class 435, subclass 375.

Group VI: Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a method for delivering a siRNA to a cell comprising forming a mixture of siRNA with at a dendrimer classifiable in class 435, subclass 6.

Group VII: Claims 10 and 11, drawn to a kit for conjugating a delivery peptide to a siRNA classifiable in class 435, subclass 6.

Group VIII: Claims 12 and 13, drawn to a kit for preparing a siRNA delivery mixture comprising a dendrimer PAMAM, classifiable in class 435, subclass 6.

Group IX: Claim 14, drawn to a siRNA delivery mixture, classifiable in class 536, subclass 24.5.

Group X: Claims 15 and 16, drawn to a siRNA or engineered RNA precursor conjugated to a delivery peptide, classifiable in class 435, subclass 6.

If Applicants elect Group VII or Group X, the Examiner further requires a species election for the delivery peptide among the species of:

Species: A) Tat;
 B) Homeobox (hox);
 C) VP22;
 D) MPG; and
 E) MST.

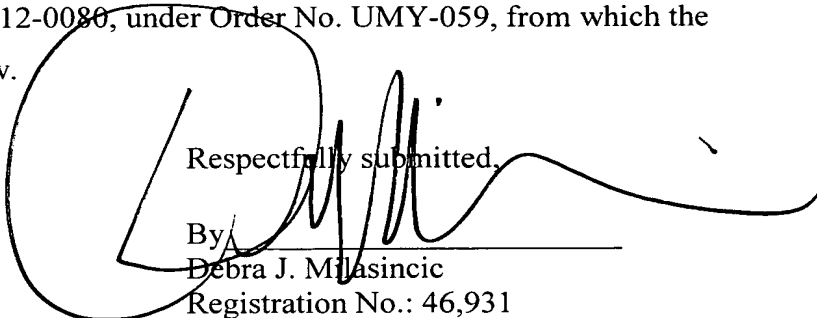
Finally, if Applicants elect Group VI, the Examiner requires a further restriction to a single siRNA sequence.

Applicants hereby elect the Group IX invention (claim 14, drawn to a siRNA delivery mixture) under 35 U.S.C. §121 for prosecution in the present application, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. UMY-059, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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